## **REMARKS**

After the foregoing amendment, claims 3-4 and 8-9, as amended, are pending in the application. Claims 3-4 and 8-9 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 1-2 and 5-7 have been canceled. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

## **Objections to the Drawings**

The Examiner objected to claims 1-9 because the boxes in Figs. 2-6 are not properly labeled. Applicants have attached an Appendix to this Amendment, including replacement sheets for Figs. 2-6 with the boxes in Figs. 2-6 labeled. Formal drawings will be submitted upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 1-9.

### **Objection to the Specification**

The Examiner objected to a typographical error in the specification at page 14, line 15. Applicants have corrected the typographical error by replacing the paragraph in which the typographical error appears. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner objected to claims 3-4 and 8-9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but stated that claims 3-4 and 8-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 3-4 and 8-9 to include respectively, all the limitations of claims 1 and 5 from which they directly depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 3-4 and 8-9.

#### **Conclusion**

Insofar as the Examiner's objections and rejections have been fully addressed, the instant application, including claims 3-4 and 8-9, is in condition for allowance and Notice of Allowability of claims 3-4 and 8-9 is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2-6. These sheets, which include Figs.1-6, replace the original sheets including Figs.1-6. Descriptive legends for each of the boxes in each of Figs 2-6 have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets